Supply of LPG in NER

*333. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps being taken by Government to ensure smooth supply of LPG in the country, particularly in NER; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) At present, the demand of LPG customers enrolled with the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) in the country including the North-East Region (NER) is being met, by and large, in full.

As on 1.4.2001, in North-Eastem States, 301 LPG distributorships of OMCs were operating and 150 Thousand Metric Tonnes Per Annum (TMTPA) bottling capacity was available. Further, to cater to the future demand of the North-Eastem States, OMCs have planned to set up 133 new LPG distributorships under various Marketing Plans and under the special scheme for widows / next of kin of martyrs ofOPVijay(Kargil).

It has also been planned to increase the bottling capacity in the North-Eastem States to 208 TMTPA.

Holiday Package by IA

*334. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
DR. (MS.) P. SELVIE DAS:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines have signed a MoU with RTDC for launching holiday packages and marketing RTDC products world-wide;

(b) if so, what are the other States with whom similar MoUs have been signed; and

(c) whether similar MoU is proposed to be signed with Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. Indian Airlines have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. to join hands in taking initiative in promoting tourism to Rajasthan as under:—

1. Indian Airlines will tie up with various hotel properties including "Heritage Hotels' and 'Palace on Wheels' in Rajasthan through RTDC to formalize holiday packages and sleepovers.

2 RTDC will assist in ensuring best rates being offered to Indian Airlines by the respective property and transport operator in developing packages sleepovers. These rates will be exclusive to Indian Airlines and not offered to any other airlines operating on the common routes.

3. RTDC will appoint Indian airlines as its GSA subject to executing GSA agreement at all foreign stations where Indian Airlines has an office.

4. Indian airlines will develop packages to Rajasthan through RTDC, with Palace on Wheels/Heritage Hotels as a central attraction. Indian Airlines and RTDC will jointly promote these packages in India and abroad.

5. Whenever packages sleepovers will be formalized, Indian Airlines will include RTDC logo in the promotional material, produced by it. Similarly, in RTDC produced promotional material, Indian Airlines and Alliance Air logos will be displayed.

6. Indian Airlines will distribute RTDC produced promotional material such as posters etc. for prominent display at its own offices and in its travel agencies.

7. RTDC will make all arrangements in connection with launch of packages. RTDC and Indian Airlines in the mutually agreed proportions will share cost of all such promotions.

The Agreement will be valid for 3 years and can be terminated by giving a notice of 30 days.

(b) Indian Airlines has signed MoU with Department of Tourism, Government of Kerala on 8th August 2001.

(c) Indian Airlines had developed holiday packages with Jungle Lodges, a Government of Karnataka Undertaking. The said package was valid from October, 1999 to March, 2001. This was one of the initial holiday packages launched by Indian Airlines to promote domestic as well as International tourists.

Indian Airlines has made offers of similar nature to the Tourism Departments of the States of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Assam.